

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 7416

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD, GATT, PK  
SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL ITEM ON BOP

REF: STATE 167975

1. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE STAND FOR GATT INTEGRITY THE UNITED STATES IS TAKING IN CALLING FOR FULL BOP CONSULTATIONS FOR PAKISTAN. WE KNOW THAT IT IS MERELY COINCIDENTAL THAT PAKISTAN IS THE COUNTRY ON WHICH WE HAVE MADE OUR STAND IN PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE THAT THE TIMING IS SINGULARLY UNFORTUNATE, COMING AS IT DOES AT A TIME OF POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY IN PAKISTAN AND THE PROSPECT OF AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN WHICH THE U.S. WILL LIKELY BE DRAWN IN BY ONE SIDE AS THE FOREIGN DEVIL. IT WILL ALSO EXACERBATE BILATERAL RELATIONS ALREADY LIKELY TO BE STORMY BECAUSE OF THE THREAT IMPOSED BY THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EXQUISITE MORAL AND LEGAL STANCE OF THE UNITED STATES ON BEHALF OF THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE TRADE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE UNDERSTOOD OR APPRECIATED HERE.

2. IF IT IS NOT YET TOO LATE TO FIND A PARLIAMENTARY WAY TO FINESSE THE FULL BOP CONSULTATIONS FOR PAKISTAN THAT DOES NOT DO IRREPARABLE HARM TO ORDERLY GATT  
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PROCEDURES, WE URGE THAT THIS BE DONE.

3. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, OUR STAND ON PRINCIPLE IN THE GATT HAS CARRIED US BEYOND THIS POINT, WE HOPE WE CAN BE FURNISHED WITH PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTATION TO USE WITH THE GOP, AND WITH PAKISTANI PUBLIC OPINION, THAT WE HAVE NOT SINGLED OUT PAKISTAN, THAT IT IS MERELY AN UNFORTUNATE

QUIRK ON THE CALENDAR THAT CAUSED US TO STAND ALONE IN THE  
GATT BALANCE OF PAYMENTS COMMITTEE IN REQUESTING FULL  
BOP CONSULTATIONS FOR PAKISTAN. IT WILL ALSO BE USEFUL  
IF WE CAN REASSURE THE PAKISTANIS THAT IN THE CONSULTATIONS  
WE WILL LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY.  
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